

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A braking apparatus for a motor vehicle comprising:

a main braking device for applying braking force to wheels of the motor vehicle in response to a press stroke of a brake pedal;

a parking brake device operatively connected to the main braking device for applying parking brake force to the wheels at parking the motor vehicle, the parking brake device having a housing, an electric motor housed in the housing, and a speed reduction mechanism having at least one gear multiple gears and also housed in the housing, so that the rotational force of the electric motor is transmitted to the main braking device over the speed reduction mechanism to apply the parking brake force to the wheels;

an interconnecting portion provided on a shaft of the electric motor;

a through-hole provided in the housing for communicating an inside space of the housing with an outside of the parking brake device so that the inside air in the housing can be always ventilated via the through-hole, wherein a machine tool will be inserted through the through-hole and will be engaged with the interconnecting portion to manually rotate the electric motor when the electric motor becomes out of order after the parking brake force is applied to the wheels;

and

a breathing pipe connected at its one end to the through-hole and terminated at its other end at a place where there is little extraneous material, the breathing pipe preventing entry of the extraneous material into the parking brake device.
2. (Currently amended) A braking apparatus according to Claim 1,

~~wherein the speed reduction mechanism of the parking brake device has an interconnecting portion, which will be engaged with the machine tool and which is provided on a side surface and a center portion of the gear, and~~

wherein the through-hole is coaxial with the interconnecting portion.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) A braking apparatus according to one of Claims 1 and 2,

wherein a pipe portion outwardly protruding from the housing is further provided at the through-hole, so that the one end of the breathing pipe is attached to the pipe portion.

5. (Currently amended) A braking apparatus according to one of Claims 1 and 2,

~~wherein the speed reduction mechanism of the parking brake device has multiple gears for reducing the rotational speed of the electric motor,~~

~~wherein the gear of the speed reduction mechanism is the closest gear to the electric motor, and~~

wherein a pipe portion outwardly protruding from the housing is further provided at the through-hole, so that the one end of the breathing pipe is attached to the pipe portion.

6. (Original) A braking apparatus according to one of Claims 1 and 2,

wherein a longitudinal length of the through-hole is made to be larger than an inner diameter of the through-hole.

7. (Original) A braking apparatus according to one of Claims 1 and 2,

wherein an end of the breathing pipe, which is connected to the through-hole, extends outwardly from the through-hole along an axis of the through-hole.